

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Girault et al.

Application No. 10/590,794

Filed: September 18, 2006

Art Unit: 2431

Examiner: Michael R. Vaughan

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PERFORMING  
A CRYPTOGRAPHIC OPERATION

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND  
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 30, 2009**

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Dear Sir:

The present amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action of December 30, 2009, and the telephone interview conducted with Examiner Vaughan on May 19, 2010. Applicants file this Request for Continued Examination and respectfully ask that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.